

Eduardo Cortés and congratulate him on his retirement. Throughout his career, Dr. Cortés has played an integral role in strengthening and empowering our district's Latino community.

Cortés' career in academia has taken him across the nation, with faculty and administrative appointments at the University of Colorado Denver, the University of San Francisco, and the University of California, Berkeley, where he taught graduate courses in social policy advocacy and public policy analysis. Cortés also served as Scholar in Residence and Special Community Member at the University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work where he tackled questions surrounding income security and care for disabled Latino elders, policy analysis and advocacy by public charities, and improvement of curricula in schools of social work.

His contribution to the community did not stop there. Dr. Cortés spends much of his time outside work volunteering to help Latinos in Colorado solve problems facing their communities. Recently, Dr. Cortés was honored by the Latino Caucus in the Colorado General Assembly for his work as executive director at the Colorado Latino Leadership, Advocacy, and Research Organization (CLLARO). In this role, he led the organization in its effort to empower Latinos across Colorado through leadership development, advocacy, and policy research.

Dr. Cortés' extraordinary career and service to our community has caused a positive ripple effect across our community that has certainly not gone unnoticed. I congratulate Dr. Cortés on his retirement and thank him for his incredible dedication to our community.

RECOGNIZING ANTONIO "TONY"
D'AGOSTINI FOR HIS SERVICE TO
OUR COUNTRY AND HIS COMMUNITY

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 12, 2021

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Antonio "Tony" D'Agostini of Sterling Heights, Michigan, for his decades long service to our country and his community.

Born in Italy, Tony soon moved with his family to Canada and then Michigan. In Sep-

tember of 1965, Tony was drafted into the United States Army and served in the 9th Infantry Division, 15th Engineer Battalion. After spending time at Fort Riley in Kansas, Tony was sent to Vietnam, spending a year there before returning home and leaving the service in August 1967. More than 50 years later, Tony still pays tribute and keeps the memory of his fallen comrades alive. Just this past week, Tony and his wife came to Washington for Veterans Day in order to honor and remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

After his service, Tony spent some time in college before joining his dad and brother in the family construction company. Tony retired a few years ago, after roughly a half century of work. Outside of work, Tony has given back to his community. For example, he has an annual car show that raises money for soup kitchens, and he has given money to organizations such as Forgotten Harvest, who help ensure food that would otherwise go to waste is delivered to the hungry. His philosophy is simple, as he said, "we just help people that really need help." For his philanthropic efforts, Tony was the recent recipient of a humanitarian award.

Madam Speaker, Tony D'Agostini is a selfless American patriot. He has served his country with honor and his community with compassion. The legacy he has built is one of altruism and of thoughtfulness for others. I hope he is proud of the contributions he has made to this country and its citizens. I thank Tony for his service, for keeping the memory of America's heroes alive, and for his devotion to others. He has set an example I hope all will follow. I wish him nothing but the best as he continues to lead a life of selfless dedication to others.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
CHARLES E. HAWTHORNE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Doctor Charles E. Hawthorne of Ann Arbor, Michigan, who passed away on November 1st. His lifetime of service and dedication to our community is worthy of commendation.

The son of Jesse and Cleanna Hawthorne, Dr. Hawthorne felt the call to serve from a

young age. A graduate of Cooley High School in Detroit, Michigan, he started and led a campus ministry called Youth For Christ. In college, Dr. Hawthorne founded the United Students for Christ ministry. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in Sociology and M.A. in Guidance & Counseling. While still studying in university, he became a licensed minister in 1976 through Pastor James E. Slappy, Jr. and was ordained to the ministry in 1978 by Bishop J.S. Bailey. He later graduated summa cum laude from Trinity Theological Seminary with a Ph.D. in Biblical Counseling in 1987.

As soon as Dr. Hawthorne graduated from the University of Michigan he stepped into ministry full-time with United Ministries in Higher Education at Eastern Michigan University. A talented preacher, he spread his passion at college campuses across Michigan and touched the lives of countless students. In 1980, he founded Labor of Love Ministries, and in 1982 it officially became a church. Labor of Love Ministries located in Ypsilanti, Michigan, where Dr. Hawthorne served as Senior Pastor, has been a faithful gathering place and spiritual home for so many.

Described by those who knew him as a visionary leader and passionate teacher, Dr. Hawthorne sought to spread his faith around the nation and the world but felt strongest about serving his home church and loving community here in Michigan. A leader not only in the world of ministry, he was a member of the Ministerial Alliance of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti and the Pastors Alliance for County Transformation. Dr. Hawthorne also served as President and CEO of Hawthorne Ministries, President of Samaritan Community Development Corporation, Superintendent of the Northeast Michigan Headquarters District, and as a Board Member of the Church of God in Christ Missions Department. A man with a tremendous heart, beloved by his family, students, and congregation alike—he will never be forgotten.

Madam Speaker. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Dr. Charles E. Hawthorne, a pillar of our community and a man of true faith. His legacy is one that will remain for years to come in the hearts of those who knew him. Our thoughts are with his family—wife Donna, children Charles II and LaDonna—friends, and their congregation at this time.